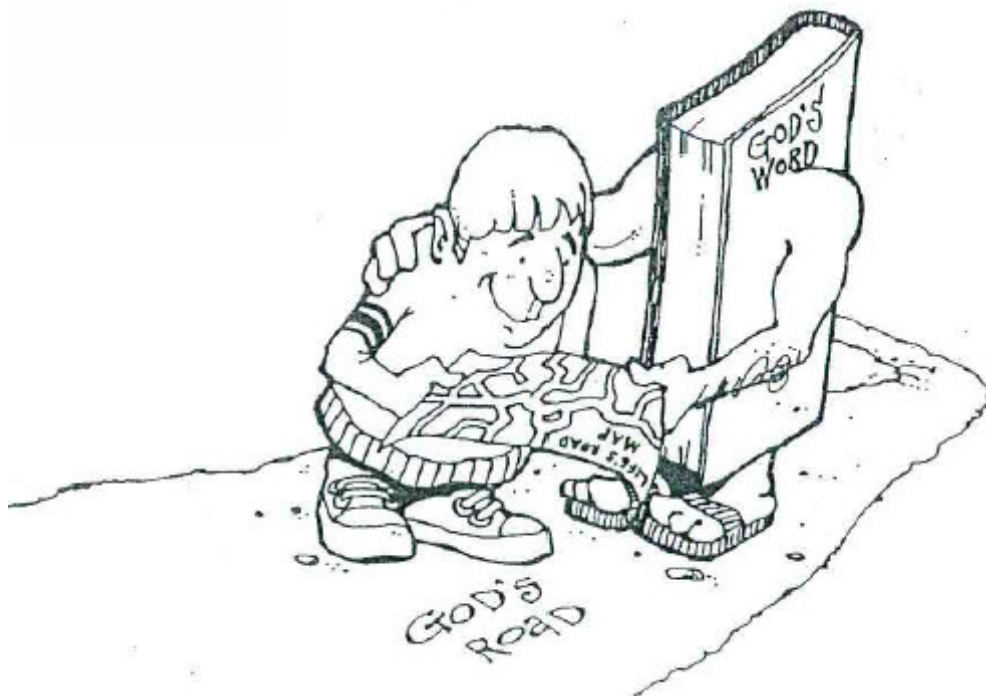


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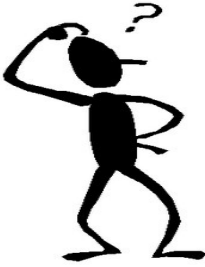


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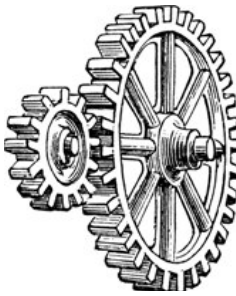
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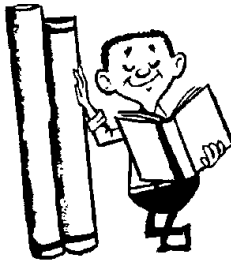
1. Why do Christians get baptised?



2. What should you know before you are baptised?



3. How do you get baptised?



4. What have you learned?



WHY DO CHRISTIANS GET BAPTISED?

1. Christians should be baptised because Jesus wants them to be. Here's what He said:



"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Matthew 28:19-20



"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

John 14:15

Baptism is a way of obeying Jesus.

Why should we obey Jesus? _____

Look at the pictures below and put a tick or a cross next to the people either obeying or disobeying the Lord.

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2. Christians should be baptised because it is a way of telling their family and friends that Jesus is their Saviour.



Acts 16:30-34

"And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

All of us remember one special Christmas when we received that one gift we had hoped for. Upon opening the gift we were so excited we could hardly wait to tell others about what we had received.



"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

John 3:16

When Jesus comes into our lives, it is so special that we should want to tell others about it.

3. Christians should be baptised because it is a way to show others that Jesus has washed away their sins.

When you asked Jesus to come into your life He washed away all of your sin. He made you clean inside just like taking a bath makes you clean on the outside.



When a Christian is baptised in the water it helps those watching to see that you believe that Jesus is your Saviour.



"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9



Jesus
took her
sins
away!



Have you ever asked Jesus to come into your life and wash your sins away?

WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW BEFORE YOU ARE BAPTISED?

1. Being baptised does not save or wash away your sin.



"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

Acts 16:31

2. Not being baptised does not keep you from being saved.

Two thieves were crucified with Jesus. One thief believed in Jesus, the other did not. The one who believed asked Jesus to remember him.



"Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:43

Did the thief who believed get baptised?

Jesus saved him because he repented of his sin and believed in Him. One day all true Christians will see this thief in Heaven.

3. The Bible teaches that a true Christian should be baptised.

Baptism is a symbol or sign.

- A. Baptism shows what Jesus has done for you. The Bible tells us that Jesus died for your sins, was buried and rose again on the third day.



"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

- B. Baptism also helps others realise that Jesus has washed away your sins.



"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

1 Peter 3:21

- C. When Jesus came into your life you knew that He was there even though you could not see Him. Baptism tells everyone that you belong to Jesus.

By being baptised you are showing others that you love and obey the Lord. It is a way of telling them that they need Jesus in their lives too.



Have you asked Jesus into your life?

If you have not done so yet, then you should not be baptised at this time. Talk to one of the leaders of the church about becoming a true Christian first.

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Please answer these questions truthfully.

If you have indeed invited Jesus into your life:

When did it happen?

Day	Month	Year
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How old were you?

Where were you?

Who was with you?

Who did you tell about it?

In the space below write something about what Jesus means to you today and why you want to be baptised.

HOW DO YOU GET BAPTISED?

1. Come dressed in the clothes you will be baptised in, and bring dry clothes to put on afterwards.



2. You will be asked to read a Scripture verse that is special to you and to tell the church why you are being baptised. Don't worry, it does not have to be a long talk and you will be prompted if you get stuck.

3. Before you get baptised you will be asked if Jesus is truly your Saviour and if you have repented of your sin.

When you are baptised, your words and actions will tell your family and friends that Jesus is in your life.

4. You will go under the water because the Bible says that Jesus did it this way.



"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water."

Matthew 3:16

Don't worry, you will only be under the water for a second or two!



5. You will be baptised in the name of the Father, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.



"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Matthew 28:19

6. As you come up out of the water, the church will sing a chorus. If you have a favourite one, tell the pastor beforehand. You will go into another room to get dry and dressed.

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

Write your answers on the lines and choose an appropriate Scripture reference wherever you see a Bible image (write the verse out in full). All the answers are in the booklet but might not be in order. You may be required to do this section again if you make any mistakes, so think through your answers carefully.

1. Why should Christians want to be baptised? _____



2. Who are we showing that Jesus is our Saviour? _____

3. Who is the greatest gift of all? _____



4. Why should we want to tell everyone about this? _____

5. What promise does God make to those who confess their sins? _____



6. What does baptism reveal we have done about our old sinful life? _____

7. Does baptism save you? _____

8. Does the water actually wash away your sins? _____



9. What do we need in our hearts to be saved? _____



10. What should you do before you get baptised? _____



11. Who should not get baptised? _____

12. Whose name are believers baptised in? _____



Please hand the complete booklet
back to the pastor or the person who
will baptise you.

